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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.  
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT : NIO Monthly Warning Assessments: January

1. The reports on the NIO warning meetings are attached.
2. Comments on warning situations.

a. Israel-Lebanon-Syria

The NIO/NESA monthly warning report discusses the readiness and propensity of Israel to intervene in South Lebanon. Although there are no indications of Syrian intentions to initiate hostilities, they have augmented their forces in the Golan sector with additional tank battalions and have called up some reservists. This remains a volatile situation with little likelihood of anything more than tactical warning of the event.

b. Russian influence in the Middle East

The opportunities for the Soviet Union to increase its influence in Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt are becoming more apparent to the analysts and it receives some attention in the NIO/USSR-EE report. This is an intelligence problem that requires more human-source collection effort.

c. Central America

The NIO/LA warning report and the current intelligence reporting describe the possibilities of increased violence and

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the growing capability of Cuba to rapidly increase its assistance to some of the insurgent groups. The timing of many of the recent articles on the insurgent groups to coincide with Congressional debates suggests that the propaganda and political action campaign on behalf of the insurgent elements may become even more effective in the future.

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